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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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1. BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS ARE IN BETTER POSITION THAN I AM TO JUDGE EFFECTIVENESS OF NEW LEBANON-SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN ARRANGED CEASEFIRE. IN TALKING WITH FAHMY THIS EVENING, HE EXPRESSED HOPE IT WILL STICK, BUT SOME DOUBT THAT IT WILL. HE INDICATED GOE BELIEVES AT LEAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS WILL BE NEEDED TO TEST ITS EFFECTIVENESS.
2. APART FROM THIS, FAHMY EXPRESSED INTEREST THAT IT HAD BEEN QUOTE SO EASY UNQUOTE FOR KHADDAM AND ASSOCIATES TO AFFECT CEASEFIRE. IN HIS VIEW, THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE SYRIANS AND THEIR PALESTINIAN PROTEGES HAD THE CAPACITY ALL ALONG TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM, BUT PREFERRED TO SEE THE POT BOIL AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. THE SYRIAN AND LEFTIST PALESTINIANS, HE SUGGESTED, HAD PLANNED THIS SITUATION ALL ALONG.
3. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, FAHMY RECALLED HE HAD SPOKEN TO ME YESTERDAY ABOUT HAVING URGED A FRENCH INITIATIVE. THIS WILL
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BE ESPECIALLY NECESSARY IF SYRIAN EFFORT FAILS. WHILE GOE

COULD NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT SUCH A FRENCH INITIATIVE PUBLICLY, IT
WOULD GIVE ALL POSSIBLE BEHIND THE SCENES SUPPORT.
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